

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph number [0038] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0038] Opening 230 extends between outer surface 226 and inner surface 232 of tube 225. Opening 230 is bound by ends 238 and 240. Tube 225 is sufficiently flexible at along at least portions of tube 225 to permit ends 238 and 240 to be spread apart enabling handle 222 to be inserted through opening 230 into cavity 228. As a result, accessory 220 may be used with preexisting powered appliances and may be mounted to such powered appliances by the end user.

Please replace paragraph number [0042] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0042] FIGURE 7 illustrates accessory 420, a fourth alternative embodiment of accessory 20, employed with handle 222 and control 224. Accessory 420 is substantially identical to accessory 320 except that accessory 420 includes end retainer 444. End retainer 444 retains ends 238 and 240 relative to one another and relative to handle 222. As a result, the width of opening 238 is maintained without the user having to grip tube 225 so as to maintain ends ~~230~~ 238 and 240 relative to one another. In the particular embodiment illustrated, retainer 444 comprises a pair of tabs or flaps 446 which project from ends 238 and 240 and which include a fastening mechanism. Such tabs or flaps are preferably adhered to tube 225. Alternatively, such tabs or flaps may be sewn, stitched, welded or otherwise coupled to tube 225. In the particular embodiment illustrated, the fastening mechanism comprises opposing hook and loop fastener components. Alternatively, the fastening mechanism may comprise adhesives, clasps, snaps, or various other conventionally known or future developed fastening mechanisms.

Please replace paragraph number [0043] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0043] As shown in FIGURE 7, retainer 444 extends below control 224 when control 224 is positioned within opening ~~238- 230~~ in the first position. In alternative embodiments, retainer 444 may alternatively extend over and about control 224 or may extend along surface 232 of tube 225. When extending along surface 232, retainer 444 may comprise a permanent or releasable adhesive or a surface configured to interlock or mate with the exterior surface of handle 222. In one application, accessory 420 may be provided with a first component such as a panel carrying a first component of a hook and loop material which is permanently or releasably secured to handle 222 while a second component comprising a panel carrying a second component of a hook and loop fastener material is permanently or releasably secured to surface 232 of accessory 420, wherein upon cavity 228 receiving handle 222, tube 225 and its ends 238, 240 would be retained relative to one another and relative to tube 222 by the hook and loop connection. In alternative embodiments, the first and second panels may carry other fastening mechanisms. For example, the interior surface of tube 225 may alternatively be configured to hook or mechanically interlock with an appropriately configured exterior surface of handle 222. The interlocking surface provided on the exterior surface of handle 222 may be formed as part of handle 222 or may be permanently or releasably attached to handle 222.